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REMARKS

The Examiner and the undersigned attorney conducted a telephone interview on November 3, 2006. Among the issues discussed was the fact that claim 30 included allowable subject matter vis-à-vis the prior art, but stood rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112. Also discussed were possible amendments that could be employed to modify the term "functional group" and thereby define over "aromatic" groups. The Examiner indicated that any amendments not set forth in the pending claims would necessitate additional searching, and therefore would not be considered inasmuch as the application is under final rejection. In a response dated December 16, 2006, Applicants amended claim 6 to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112 and to incorporate subject matter specified in claim 30.

In an advisory action dated January 2, 2007, the Examiner indicated that the amendments to the claims filed on December 10, 2006 would not be entered. Specifically, the Examiner stated "prior claims 30 and 29, in combination with parent claim 6, required that the short chain living polymer include a functional group selected from the group specified in claim 30. This requirement has been removed in the proposed amended claims, which now includes a product-by-process limitation directed to the initiator, but no longer requires that the short chain polymer have the specified functional groups at the time of reaction with the macroinitiator."

The Examiner and the undersigned attorney conducted a telephone interview on February 8, 2007. The undersigned was interested in placing the claims in condition for allowance and sought the Examiner's guidance. The undersigned indicated that Applicant was willing to include the limitations of claim 30. The Examiner suggested the filing of a supplemental response.

Within this supplemental response, Applicants have amended claim 6 in manner that they believe is consistent with the limitations previously presented with the combination of claims 6, 29 and 30. Applicants note that claim 29, presented on July 20, 2006, recited a "reactive functionality," but claim 6 submitted on July 20, 2006 recited a "functional group." The final Office Action dated October 17, 2006 did not specifically reject claim 30 in view of the prior art; it was merely rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112. The Examiner indicated, during the interview on February 8, 2007, that he had considered the limitations of claim 30 with respect to claim 6 even though claim

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30 improperly depended from a canceled claim.

In view of the foregoing, and in light of the fact that the Examiner did not cite the discrepancy "functional group" and "reactive functionality." Besides this discrepancy, Applicants maintain that claim 6 now incorporates, verbatim, the language originally presented in claims 29 and 30, which have not been rejected in view of the prior art.

REQUEST FOR INTERVIEW

Inasmuch as this application is under final, Applicants hereby request a telephone interview between the Examiner and the undersigned.

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants submit herewith a Request for a one-month extension of time.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and arguments presented herein, the Applicants believe that they have properly set forth the invention and accordingly, respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider the rejections provided in the last Office Action. A formal Notice of Allowance of claims 6-11, 20-28, and 31-37 is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner care to discuss any of the foregoing in greater detail, the undersigned attorney would welcome a telephone call.

No new claims have been added and therefore no additional fees are believed due at this time. Nonetheless, in the event that a fee required for the filing of this document is missing or insufficient, the undersigned attorney hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge payment of any fees associated with this communication or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-0925.

Respectfully submitted,



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